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— EDITORIAL —

LET'S GRAB WORLD CUP GAMES FOR AUSTRALIA!

There can be no more doubts: history in Australian soccer does repeat itself with depressing regularity.

The present shambles and confusion over our scheduled World Cup matches remind us sharply of the 1965 set-up when for months nobody seemed to know where, when and whom will we have to play.

It's in the interest of Australian soccer that for once we decided to stop speculating and start acting.

Let's throw off our inhibitions and apply promptly to FIFA for the holding of the World Cup elimination group tourney in Australia.

We are not too interested who was right or wrong at Seoul; we don't care a great deal whether the ASF has been double-crossed or not.

That's past history.

What does concern us though is that if tiny Israel can hold the series for the two Asian-Oceanic groups — so can we.

And it would make infinitely more sense, too.

LAMENTS

Fancy five countries from this part of the world traipsing all the way to Israel — instead of Israel alone travelling this way!

As for the expenses involved, it's high time we found out the truth.

When a few months ago this newspaper suggested that Australia volunteer to organise the series, we were told that this couldn't be done because of the "extremely heavy travelling expenses" for the other teams.

Now we hear fresh laments that it will cost Australia "an absolute fortune to send a team to Israel".

Well now — you can't have it both ways.

If Australia is supposed to pay its own fares to Israel, supposedly the same applies to teams that may have to come here.

In which case it would be the greatest mistake on the part of the ASF NOT to organise the series here.

Why, can anyone seriously suggest that the series wouldn't attract

large enough crowds to pay for the accommodation, meals and internal travels of the visiting teams — plus contribute something towards their air-fares?

Of course it would. Or are we to believe that Israel with just over 2 million people CAN support such a series (with vastly greater expenses) while we can't?

But above and beyond all the talk about money, we NEED the World Cup elimination matches here.

Just think of the immense interest such a series would create over a period of weeks.

It would result in many and vital long-term benefits for the code which cannot even be measured in terms of money.

So even if it DOES cost the ASF some money, we say let's grab the series for Australia.

Let's not act like mouldy little book-keepers who don't venture into any darn thing unless they can be absolutely certain to make a little profit.

It's time the ASF showed some fresh spirit and initiative instead of sitting mealy-mouthed and always telling us about the things they CAN'T do.

Let's hear for a change about something that they CAN and INTEND to do.



Hakoah goalie Fuzes seems in all kinds of bother: he is kicking out in anguish while his skipper Marnoch is grabbing his forehead. Pan Hellenic bloodhounds Karyannis and Smith are ready to pounce. The joint competition leaders drew 0-0 last Sunday.

GOALS ARE DRYING UP— CAN IT BE THE PILL?

It would be interesting to know just what kind of Pill our forwards are taking that causes their pathetic aridity?

Ten goals in six matches with seven of the 12 teams failing to find the net once — that was the amazing extent of the goal drought.

The three 0-0 draws would have been stunning a few years ago; nowadays we have to accept them without too much fuss.

The two "summit meetings" produced close tussles and results.

Although still level on points with Pan Hellenic, a much kinder draw certainly favors Hakoah's chances to edge forward

towards the title.

Prague's latest defeat and Croatia's win have kept the

battle for fourth place open with Polonia also an interested, though rather

unexciting participant in the proceedings.

— P.D.

TOP COACHES QUIT

Two of Sydney's top coaches are almost certain to leave their present clubs at the end of the season.

One is Australian national team coach Joe Vlasits, the other is NSW State team boss Joe Venglos.

Vlasits has told Melita Eagles officials some weeks ago that he doesn't wish to renew his contract.

He is certain to attract several offers from top Sydney clubs.

Venglos is known to be keen to leave Prague when his two-year contract runs out in October.

At least two leading clubs

have already shown interest in his services.

However, Venglos may yet have to return to Czechoslovakia as his working permit in Australia will also expire this year.

— Paul Dean

NSW Federation First Division

TEAM	AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY							NEXT OPPONENT	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P		
Pan Hellenic	18	12	3	3	32	13	27	10	8	1	1	19	7	17	8	4	2	2	13	6	10	South Coast	
Hakoah	18	11	5	2	35	15	27	8	6	1	1	18	7	13	10	5	4	1	17	18	14	Manly*	
APIA	18	8	7	3	29	22	23	8	4	3	1	12	8	11	10	4	4	2	16	14	12	Melita Eagles*	
Prague	18	9	3	6	31	22	21	8	6	1	1	14	2	13	10	3	2	5	17	20	8	Croatia*	
Polonia	18	8	5	5	24	20	21	10	4	3	3	14	13	11	8	4	2	2	10	7	10	Canterbury	
Croatia	18	8	3	7	27	28	19	9	4	2	3	13	12	10	9	4	1	4	14	16	9	Prague	
Yugal	18	7	4	7	24	29	18	10	3	4	3	11	14	10	8	4	—	4	13	15	8	St. George	
South Coast Utd.	18	5	5	8	29	24	15	8	5	—	3	24	12	10	10	—	5	5	5	12	5	Pan Hellenic*	
St. George	18	4	6	8	15	21	14	10	2	4	4	9	15	8	8	2	2	4	6	6	6	Yugal*	
Canterbury	18	4	5	9	26	44	13	8	2	3	3	10	14	7	10	2	2	6	16	30	6	Polonia*	
Melita Eagles	18	3	6	9	17	28	12	9	—	5	4	11	17	5	9	3	1	5	6	11	7	APIA	
Manly	18	1	4	13	18	41	6	11	—	1	10	7	25	1	7	1	3	3	11	16	5	Hakoah	

READERS' LETTERS

RULE, BRITANNIA...

Whilst I agree with most of the points made in your recent editorial "No pride, just prejudice," I believe that a very important factor in the matter of First Division club names has been omitted.

I refer to the absence of British migrant and "Old Australian" supporters from the stands.

It is axiomatic that soccer is the British national sport and that rugby is very small beer over there.

Yet the thousands of Britishers who have come to these shores since the war are absent, and they have not been converted as supporters of the hand-ball game.

As for the "Old Australians," they are very much attracted towards our game, largely through the very good TV films of British games which are shown here during our summer — many thousands watch them with relish.

But they also are not to be found watching Sydney games.

The explanation, I think in each case is that there is no strong club functioning with a national name with which British and Australian supporters can identify themselves and upon whom they can bestow their support.

In my opinion both of these groups should form strong clubs in Sydney, proudly giving themselves names such as "Britannia United" or "Sydney Kangaroos."

If teams representing such clubs were playing in the Sydney competition, full use would be made of the present vogue of national identification which has been so beneficial to all followers of the sport except the British and Australians.

District identification has very little meaning in present day Sydney and national support is as good as any.

Frank Brunning,
Leura.

RIVAL ATTRACTIONS

Your Editorial "No Pride Just Prejudice" sets out clearly the position as it exists, but you must agree that the exponents of other codes make excellent use of the migrant team names in soccer to keep many Australians away from the game.

As our youngsters grow up this position may alter but to speed this we need publicity and how are we going to get it?

Our code was growing rapidly until 1963 but after that the big League and Union social clubs began to grow and their many attractions financed by the poker machines claimed the favorable attention of most of the publicity boys in newspaper, radio and TV.

It is these clubs and their cheap hospitality that has virtually bought them the vast publicity League and Union are receiving and it is this that has brought them their crowds.

Sufficient publicity will sell almost anything and we have to find some means to obtain same for our own code before we can expect any great expansion in the crowds at senior matches.

People, even the parents of our young players, see so little in the press and TV of our matches and players that they assume the other much publicised games are superior.

Constant writing to the press (even if letters are

not published) and to broadcasting companies may help, especially if the helpful contacts with Asian nations is stressed.

To close on a happy note: congratulations to you on the paper, especially for recent issues.

R. S. Childs,
Wahroonga.

QUALITY OF MERCY

Criminals seem to be having a very square deal these days, not only from the police, via siege deals, but also from judges.

A youth caught car-stealing was let off and later given a second chance by another judge on a breaking and entering charge. Where a victim was kicked to death a \$500 bond was imposed.

In countries where the cicatrix of lash and leg-irons are still apparent, mentally if not physically, perhaps this is understandable or maybe the spirit of the First Offenders Act accounts for it; but soccer "criminals" don't fare so well.

An eighteen-year-old first offender on a "sent off" charge received a one-game suspension, a good behavior bond plea being denied.

A request for information regarding appeal procedure was condemned as "condoning the offence" by one "judge" who quick to argue and preach, is evidently slow to learn the lesson which convinced even de Gaulle that in a changing, pre-dominantly young world, the message of marching, rioting youth is "Change or be changed."

If the soccer way of life is preferable to that of crime, then youthful adherents when erring are entitled to the same mercy as that shown by the law of the land which although still clad in archaic regalia has enough sense to consider change.

A. McLaughlin,
Beccroft.

GIVE GOALIES A GO!

As a keen supporter and regular follower of soccer, I fail to see why there is such a lack of points awarded to the goalkeepers in the "Sydney Morning Herald" Best and Fairest competition.

In one of the top matches last weekend (APIA v. Prague) I felt that goalkeeper Brian Taylor deserved some points for his excellent goal-saving efforts.

I'm sure every ardent supporter will agree with me.

Dianna Clocchiatti,
St. Ives.

Foot-tennis

The new, \$300 series of foot-tennis at the St. George-Budapest Club starts at 7.30 p.m. next Monday, with the following matches: Barnett-Holden (Hakoah) v. a Western Suburbs team; Vibert-Naprata (Marconi) v. Venglos-M. Lissing (Prague); Barbouris-Frakes (Croatia) v. Bottalico-Blue (APIA) and Stokes-Watkins (Manly) v. another Western Suburbs team to be announced.

Twenty teams drew byes in the first round and 24 will have to play-off to advance to the second round.

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SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

Sydney First Division attendances have soared to 327,352 spectators after 18 championship rounds. So far the weekly average attendance has been 18,180 spectators. With four rounds remaining the First Division has already attracted some 30,000 more people than the entire 22 rounds last season. Last weekend's aggregate attendance of nearly 26,000 was the biggest since 1964 and augurs well for the 400,000 spectator mark being reached in this year's championship, as against 298,000 in 1967.

JOHN KEDDIE, the former Cumberland United and APIA forward, has joined Canberra Club, Monaro, who also have former APIA players, Nick Cosettini, Frank Virano and Luigi Crino in their team.

Another Canberra team, Olympic, were hoping to sign CON OMEROS, the long-serving Pan Hellenic defender. The closing date for ACT transfers was July 31, but the transfer fell through, the player preferring to stay in Sydney.

The LUGARNO-PEAK-HURST under-11 "A" (1) team, playing in the St. George Association competition, scored 107 goals and only conceded five goals in 15 matches. The 100th goal was scored by outside-left Stephen McDonald last Saturday week. The team is coached by Cyril Heness.

One of our clubs is hoping to persuade one of Europe's most brilliant young COACHES to come out for a two-year stint. Negotiations are now in the "delicate" stage and no announcement is likely for some weeks. Manly coach Denes Adrigan is most unlikely to renew his contract for 1969 and many Polonia fans regard Joe Horinek only as a caretaker. Julius Polgar's contract with St. George-Budapest is also a short one and the club may decline to take up the option on a renewal.

Another stupendous record in Sydney's booming junior soccer. The Epping YMCA under 7 Division 1 team, playing in the Gladesville-Hornsby Association, has scored 115 goals to date and, wait for it, haven't conceded a single goal! And all this in 16 games!

Sutherland last week ended WESTERN SUBURBS' unbeaten 21-match run in Second Grade when they won 2-1 at Seymour Shaw Park, Miranda.

Adamstown Rosebuds (Newcastle) have donated a cup for the winners of the play-off for third and fourth place in the TASMAN CUP for

CHS teams. Rosebuds will also provide a trophy for the best and fairest player.

PUNCHBOWL HIGH is the only school represented in the 1967 Tasman Cup semifinals which also made the semis this year. And top marks also to Strathfield South, semifinalists although they only have 350 boys enrolled, whereas the other semifinalists draw from over 1,000 boys each.

Ku-ring-gai official, BOB CRILLEY, is busy as chairman of the big Gala Day at Turramurra Oval on Saturday August 17, when Ku-ring-gai will start their finals at 2 p.m.

St. George's strapping DON SANDELL has reportedly announced his intention to seek a transfer at the end of the season.

Top Sydney REFEREES Tony Boskovic and Harold Parsons are again on FIFA's international list, Boskovic for the fifth year and Parsons for the third.

Has it ever happened before in Sydney? Last weekend BOB MADDEN, as always, captained North Bankstown when they played Bankstown, whose captain for the day was none other than his son Dennis.

Bad luck comes in series: St. GEORGE now have Morgan, Hopkins, Zuckerman, Kane and McCalliog on the injured or sick list.

The charming voice on Pan Hellenic's PA system belongs to BRIAN SMITH's young wife. We hope more clubs will follow Pan Hellenic's example to relieve the monotony of all-male announcers.

A fund-raising function was organised last weekend by Bankstown officials for half-back FRED McDERMOTT who broke his leg three weeks ago. More than \$100 was raised, which included a \$20 cheque from a Balgownie club official.

Lidcombe-Waratahs under-14 team is sponsored by Auburn and is being coached by JIM FERNIE. They beat Illawarra 1-0 last Saturday in the Metropolitan Championship final.

In a social game between EX-PLAYERS, Auburn beat Thirroul 2-0 at Mona Park last Sunday.

Yugal's fine midfielder, SRETAN RAFANELI, now considers himself officially settled down here: last week he took out Australian citizenship.

More than 60 people attended the NSW Coaches FORUM at the St. George-Budapest Club last Monday night. Jim Bayutti, Denes Adrigan, John Thomson, Joe Venglos, and Joe Vlasits were among the many speakers who took the floor to expound their views on the subject for discussion: "How to improve soccer in Australia". The forum was so stimulating that it lasted well past the club's closing time of midnight.

Prague have now received official confirmation they are welcome to play two matches in HONG KONG. However, the terms offered by the tour sponsors, the Sing Tao club, are not entirely acceptable and negotiations are still under way. The European part of Prague's scheduled world tour later this year hasn't been finalised either.

Don't forget Hakoah's "mid-season" BALL at the Bondi Rex Hotel on Saturday. Popular TV star, Hungarian-born Vicki Forrest, will provide the entertainment on the night.

Croatia last Sunday ordered a minute's silence before their match for the memory of their former youngster, JOHN CUSH who died during the week following a suspected liver complaint. The funeral of the youngest of the Cush brothers was attended by more than 400 mourners last week. Our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

Melita's two imports from New Zealand, wingers NE-MET and KOVACS are reportedly shopping around Sydney for a new club.

We are happy to acknowledge these further CONTRIBUTIONS to the NSW junior team's New Zealand tour starting on August 25: Max Garrett \$25; ACT Federation \$30; N. NSW Federation \$50; Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs \$20; Blanket collection at the Prague-APIA game \$92.

Prague's brilliant young defender, ROY ROOTSEY, was forced to withdraw from the NSW under-18 team's tour of New Caledonia because of exams.

The crack Prague LADIES' team will again be on display on Sunday. They'll play against a representative NSW Women's Association XI at Marks Field in a curtain-raiser to the vital Prague v. Croatia first grade game.

N.S.W. team for Aust. Championship

The following 16 players have been selected in the NSW under-16 team for the Australian Junior Championships in Melbourne in the first week of September:

Klein (St. George), Harris (St. George), Melish (Polonia), Spinks (Prague), Thompson (Croatia), Slater (Croatia), Black (Melita), Thompson (Canterbury), McKenzie (APIA), Chodkiewicz (Polonia), Lambert (Auburn), Tinnock (Canterbury), Salerno (Canterbury), Costello (Croatia), Burns (Manly), McDougall (Melita).

NSW, the holders of the Australian title, will be coached by Bill Stoovelaar and managed by Lionel Brown, assisted by Brian Emery.

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ARE BEST

Below we re-print two views on Australian soccer. One, voiced by Cardiff City manager Jim Scoular, originally appeared in the London "Sunday Mirror" on July 14 in an article by Ken Montgomery. The other is excerpts from a story which will appear in the London weekly "Soccer Star" on August 10. The author, noted English writer Gordon Jeffery, kindly sent us a copy in advance.

Oh, the things they write about us...

Scoular: "Aussies are not wanted"

Jimmy Scoular who, with his Cardiff City "Bluebirds", has just pushed 60,000 miles into his log book in eleven months of non-stop travel, came back this week from Australia with another warning.

Millions of punters in this country, who pour millions of pounds into Aussie Soccer Pools in the summer season, be warned.

Says Scoular: "You are betting not so much on football teams, but on little nationalist groups where birthright seems to matter more than ball control."

Take a look at a few of the names — Hakoah, Hellenic, Polonia, Juventus, Budapest, Croatia — and you soon see the significance of Scoular's remarks.

"Australian soccer is being held back, gripped by the throat if you like, by being too nationalistic," says Scoular, whose Cardiff globetrotters played nine games down under and didn't lose one.

"Until they start giving their home-grown youngsters a chance to play the game at League level, they are never going to become a threat in the game."

Even though there are 90,000 registered amateur

soccer players in Australia, the vast majority are starry-eyed teenagers.

"The tragedy is that when they reach eighteen, and are eligible to sign for one of the bigger clubs, they are being rejected not because of their ability, but because of their Australian nationality," says Scoular.

"They are making do in almost every club with second and third rate players, the Greek clubs with Greeks, Italians with Italian players, Maltese with Maltese, and so it goes on.

"Even the players they bring over from Britain are, putting it kindly, not in the top class at all. Far from it!"

"They have got the game off the ground, but this is not improving the standard at all. They just don't seem to be learning.

"Let's face it, I'm very loathe to criticise anyone trying to play the game of football. I'd love to see soccer wipe Australian Rules football right out of their stadiums.

"But speaking from the heart, I can't see them getting anywhere as a major football force for years and years as long as the present set-up lasts."

Jeffery: "Guilt of Britishers"

Jimmy Scoular made his comments shortly after returning with his players from Cardiff's busy tour of Australia.

A brief touring acquaintance may not be the most thorough way of discovering "the truth about Australian football" but, with the perceptiveness that seems to me to indicate his potential as a great manager, Jimmy Scoular's quick assessment of the situation is very close to that of people who have been a part of the Australian soccer scene for many years.

The basic juvenile support has been steadily swinging towards soccer in Australia until in the last vote in the Sydney dominated New South Wales area, soccer as the game to be played in the schools had a clear majority over Rugby and Australian Football combined.

The schoolboys — and their parents — are backing the world game but, notes Jimmy Scoular, "the tragedy is that when they reach eighteen, and are eligible to sign for one of the bigger clubs, they are being rejected not because of their ability, but because of their Australian nationality."

Without even the benefit of being with a British club on a short tour, I am less directly informed than Jimmy Scoular about the set-up but there are some other factors that need to be appreciated.

A few weeks back I spent a few — too few — pleasant hours with Andrew Dettre when he was on a working-holiday in London. "World Soccer" readers in particular will recognise the name of the magazine's Australian correspondent.

Andrew in fact is an out-

standing example of the "fitba" daft Central European emigrant who has popularised soccer in Australia after the largely British settlers had rejected the game for Rugby or their own insular brand.

Coincidentally, just two days before the "Sunday Mirror" piece appeared — on July 12 — the Australian football weekly SOCCER WORLD brought out a special number to celebrate its 10th birthday.

The 10 years of SOCCER WORLD have seen advances in football in Australia for which the paper, with which Andrew has always been associated, can claim much credit.

It is a paper with a mission — the advancement of soccer in Australia — and it is ceaseless in its constructive criticism.

It will probably echo Jimmy Scoular's sentiments and there is significance in that the two adverts on the front page of the birthday issue advertise "Continental Delicacies" and "Continental Chocolates" respectively.

The native-born, older generation of conservative-minded Australian does not want to know about soccer the world game.

Their national newspapers even tried desperately but, in effect, pathetically, to blow up the Rugby League tournament the Australians recently staged as a "World Cup" on a par with the Jules Rimet trophy competition.

Small world — seems the only comment!

Nor is the prejudice confined to football — unlike in the USA in their national tennis, golf and athletic teams,

the Aussies have yet to introduce a Nowacki, Cuciti, Nicolopoulos or Jurisic into their cricket team.

It may need another generation to change the national attitude to immigrants and, in the case of football, to the

"foreigners' game!"

And, more practically, it will certainly need the importation of good coaches more than good players to accelerate the promotion of the home-grown youngsters to League level!

Editor PAUL DEAN sums up and comments:

This much for the two opinions. Gordon Jeffery's is rather complimentary to us and, in tone with his vast knowledge of the game and his gentle nature, understandably tolerant.

But what about Scoular? It's hard to argue with some points he raises: we do have a strongly migrant-oriented soccer.

Of course, Scoular didn't have the time — or inclination — to find out why this is so; why the migrant clubs simply HAD to come about; how the district clubs had neglected the modern development of soccer in this country for some 80 years.

These obviously didn't interest him a bit: only the end result which, very strangely, offended the sensibility of a Scot managing a Welsh team in English League...

But there is one point in which Scoular is totally wrong.

We challenge him — or anybody else — to produce one single 18-year old who has ever been rejected by a club because of his "Australian nationality."

Does Jim Scoular think we are all madmen here?

Does he know that all Sydney clubs are crying out for more skilled, eager local youngsters — but cannot get enough for a variety of reasons.

Does he seriously believe

that ANY club, ANYWHERE in the world, would spend small fortunes on imports if they could have young local players OF THE SAME ABILITY?

Doesn't Jim Scoular know that in professional or even semi-professional soccer ABILITY is the only criterion, not nationality?

And doesn't he practice exactly the same principle in his own Cardiff City, the club of Wales' capital — where only one or two Welshmen have been judged BY HIM to be good enough for first team duty — and the others are Scottish and English "imports", including himself?

Scoular must have an amazing hide, probably exceeding even his ability, to judge a complex set-up just on the strength of a brief visit here.

But we know it wasn't all his fault. Jim Scoular was "earbashed" during his Sydney stay by one or two of our "leading officials", who even went to the insane extreme to give this fiery Scot a colossal bum steer that prompted his "Australians unwanted" remark.

At least one of these officials is still a leading light in our set-up.

I hope he is getting some fiendish pleasure out of the furore which he had helped to unleash — fully knowing that whatever he had said to Scoular was a stupendous lie.

SOCCER MARRIAGE— ITALIAN STYLE

The APIA Social Club this week denied that they had "taken over" APIA Soccer Club.

The denial was made in a highly professional press release, prepared by a Public Relations firm engaged by the social club.

According to the communique, the social club is taking a "patronising interest" in the soccer club.

However, the statement clearly reveals that the social club will be from now on the ultimate boss of the soccer club — retaining the right to veto any decision taken by the soccer committee.

The communique was issued by the social club's secretary-manager, Mr. F. Bianchi.

"The soccer club will continue to be a separate organisation from the APIA Club Limited," he said.

"While the soccer club will benefit from the new constitution adopted last week, the APIA club will not benefit financially or materially from the changes adopted. It expects only to be a stabilising influence on the soccer club.

"It has never had, and does not have, any intention of taking it over.

"The changes which have taken place were sought by members of the soccer club and were the desire of the majority of members.

"The majority of members can also change the constitution again at some future date should they so desire."

The constitution provides for the APIA Club Limited to approve of the executive which will administer the soccer club, and also gives a power of veto to the APIA Club Limited over decisions by the soccer club committee.

However, the 20 members of the soccer club from whom an executive of 11 members must be chosen are still to be elected by members of the soccer club.

The final executive chosen will still be master of the club's destiny — financially and otherwise.

The APIA Club Limited has organised considerable financial and promotional

help for the soccer club this year and was responsible for the formation of the "APIA Consortium," a group of leading business organisations which is assisting in the promotion of the soccer club.

"The APIA Club Limited is interested only in seeing these funds are applied for the ultimate benefit of the soccer club and soccer generally," Mr. Bianchi said.

"It also supports teams which participate in indoor bowling, Italian bowling, carpet bowls, cricket, swimming, cycling, tennis, table tennis and junior soccer.

"The primary objective of the APIA Club Limited will remain the integration of migrants into the Australian community through a variety of sporting, social and cultural activities,

whereas the primary objective of the soccer club will continue to be the development and promotion of soccer."

Two sorry inches — that's how we rate

Supposing that you have close to 2,000 column inches at your disposal and you are the sporting editor of a morning newspaper — how many inches would you devote to soccer?

Be fair about it: there are many sports that must be catered for, say about 15 of them.

Would you say 100 inches? Or only 50?

Whatever you say, you're wrong — if we take "The Australian", our "national" morning broadsheet as a guide.

Last week, in their 1950 column inches devoted to sport, their sporting editor found room for precisely 2 inches of soccer.

(Not counting the results and tables in their Monday "Scoreboard" where soccer occupied the princely space of 22 inches out of a total of 132.)

The astonishing bias of the Australian Press towards soccer was thus aptly epitomised by "The Australian".

The only "story" they managed to squeeze in all last week from Monday to Friday was a two-paragraph item from Queensland.

On Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday — not a single, solitary word...

Well, what do they print then?

We didn't mind taking the time and trouble to run a little survey, add up the number of stories and their lengths — and here is the result over that period. (Numbers indicate column inches with headings and photos.)

Racing 291, cricket 278, Rugby League 123, TAB 471, Rugby Union 95, yachting 2 (poor yachting...), baseball 54, motor racing 15, athletics 67, Aussie Rules 178, basketball 48, squash 4, golfing 82, table tennis 47, Olympics 14, tennis 25, boxing 15, skiing 20 and various "columnists" 114 — but once again without any soccer.

TASMAN CUP SEMIS ON AUGUST 15

The Combined High Schools' big night in Sydney this year will be Thursday, August 15, at Marks Field, when the semifinals of the Tasman Cup will be played.

This will provide the cream of the State's school football, and officials look forward to a big attendance.

Matches will be:

● 7.30 p.m. — South Strathfield v. Newcastle.

● 8.50 p.m. — Newcastle Tech. High v. Punchbowl.

This will be the C.H.S.'s top Sydney attraction this year, as the finals are to be played at Crystal Palace Wollsend.

Newcastle High has probably had the hardest road to the semifinals.

They defeated the holders, Booragul, 2-1, and Granville 3-0.

Strathfield South eliminated Cessnock with a penalty for hands in the last minute in their match at Edwards Park, Concord.

Team captain John Abercrombie scored from the spot.

School captain Brian Thompson and goalie George Vlazny did well for the winners.

Gary Hindmarsh and Alan Oswald were the pick of an excellent Cessnock High team.

John Cairns scored a hat-trick when Punchbowl eliminated Corral 3-1.

Newcastle Tech. easily took control of their match against Sefton High.

Bob Turner scored two for Newcastle, and their representatives Peter Fairleigh and Lee Bennis were always prominent.

— Keith Gilmour

FLOTTA LAURO

SYDNEY RESULTS AND DETAILS

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HOW THEY LINED UP

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

COACHES COMMENT

Polonia

0 (0)

Fraser 4; Addison 3; Skiba 3; Adamson 3; Dzialach 4; Komoder 4; Povey 3; Minol 3; Urbaniak 2; Krawiarz 3 Oliver 2.

TOTAL: 34

Coach: J. Horinek.

St. George

0 (0)

Haffey 3; Nuttall 4; Hillary 3; Schaefer 4; Cox 4; Bird 3; Harris 2; Nowakowski 2; Warren 3; Fernandez 4; McCue 3.

TOTAL: 35

Coach: G. Polgar.

Melita E.

0 (0)

Eaton 4; Hunter 5; De Bruin 4; Edwards 4; Woods 3; Duffy 3; Quested 4; Smith 3; Thorne 3; Hewlett 2; Goldie 3.

TOTAL: 38

Coach: J. Vlasits.

Sth. Coast

0 (0)

Ramage 4; Barnes 4; Cuthbert 3; Kelly 3; Carr 4; Davies 3; Beattie 2; Anderson 5; Tolson 3; McGarry 3; Alston 3.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: J. Kelly.

Croatia

3 (0)

Giles 48 min., Reynolds 62 min., Guerrero 72 min.

Corry 4; Lincoln 3; Sloan 4; Clarke 3; Shepherd 5; Page 3; Guerrero 3; Wright 4; Woods 3; Reynolds 4; Giles 3.

TOTAL: 39

Coach: W. Vrolyks.

Yugal

1 (0)

Edwards 74 min.

Ljulich 3; Pacanin 4; Crnich 3; Lang 3 (Bobic 1); Banicevic 3; Rafaneli 4; J. Alagich 3; M. Alagich 3; Halpin 1; Edwards 3; Volar 2.

TOTAL: 31

Coach: F. Dunaj

Prague

0 (0)

King 4; Harcombe 3; Tracey 3; Blacker 3; Zeman 4; Blanco 4; Gauto 3 (Moulson); G. Manuel 3; Scheinflug 3; Hoggart 3; Armytage 4.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: J. Venglos

A.P.I.A.

1 (0)

Blanco 69 min. (own goal).

Taylor 3; Van Blerk 3; Ackerley 4; Hughes 4; Sambrook 3; Bottalico 3; McKinnon 4; Campana 4; Di Leonardo 4; Campbell 4; Blue 4.

TOTAL: 40

Coach: A. Iglesias.

P. Hellenic

0 (0)

Clarke 4; Johnston 4; Hignett 4; McCulloch 4; Cole 3; Loukanidis 3; Karyannis 2; Blitz 4; Smith 4; Westwater 4; Patrinos 2 (Petrout 2).

TOTAL: 38

Coach: W. Tamandl

Hakoah

0 (0)

Fuzes 4; Fekete 4; Hillsdon 4; Watkiss 5; Marnoch 4; D. Yaager 4; Edmunds 2; Walsh 4; Barnett 2; Baartz 3; Jones 2.

TOTAL: 38

Coach: D. Holden.

Manly

1 (0)

Parker 49 min.

Tuinman 3; McGrath 3; Brooks (sent off); Jones 4; Campbell 4; Jagger 4; Hughes 3; Maloney 2 (Harris 2); Parker 2; Hendry 2; Waller 3.

TOTAL: 30

Coach: D. Adrigan

Canterbury

4 (3)

Paxinos 23 and 38 mins., Massi 25 min., Galbraith 64 min.

Demopoulos 4; Hardy 3; Akers 3; Galbraith 5; Whitehead 4; Romanos 3; Hillhouse (sent off); Massi 4; Hood 4; Kauz 3; Paxinos 4.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: H. Ninaus.

Match rating: * *

It's hard to recall a worse match this season. Nil-all was a fitting score to underline the total mediocrity of a game which featured all the worse aspects of our soccer. Some defensive matches can be entertaining in their own way. This one certainly wasn't. Both teams could have played until midnight without scoring. It wasn't that the shooting was astray. There was hardly a shot worth mentioning all afternoon. Polonia looked likely winners in the first half, but retreated deliberately in defence after the interval, allowing Saints complete mastery of the midfield. St. George, despite a huge territorial second half advantage, made a terrible mess of things and never looked like pressing home their superiority.

Crowd: 1,031.

Referee: P. Rampley.

— LOU GAUTIER

Match rating: * * *

Neither Melita Eagles nor South Coast Utd. were able to break their season-old hoodoo and both are still without a win at Mona Park and outside Woonona respectively. How South Coast could have toppled so many top teams at Woonona remains a mystery. Their performance was again mediocre and left a lot to be desired. The Eagles could have sealed the result in their favor in the first two minutes when both Smith and Goldie missed easy chances when in good positions. From the outset Melita dominated the midfield — where most the game took place — and the only worthwhile shot at goal by the provincials was when McGarry hit the post with a well placed drive.

Crowd: 1,011.

Referee: L. Rae.

— CHARLES SPITERI

Match rating: * * *

Windswept, dry and dusty, Lambert Park looked like an Arab desert filled with Mediterranean feuds. The two traditional and bitter rivals fought out an even first half when yet another scoreless draw seemed a distinct possibility. However, after Lang's injury Yugal lost its composure and midfield grip and it soon became painfully inevitable that they would also lose the match. Croatia showed in the second half that they are among our very few "in form" teams; even without such stalwarts as Curry and the Cush brothers, they played methodical, well planned football at a crisp tempo indisputably set by free-wheeling, fleet-footed little Vic Reynolds.

Crowd: 2,461.

Referee: G. Naylor.

— PAUL DEAN

Match rating: * * * *

APIA's power was evident from the kick-off, when Hughes and Ackerley attacked to lay the groundwork for their team's ultimate win. As the game progressed APIA's ring of defenders held their dominance, none being more capable than Di Leonardo as he intercepted and distributed immaculately from his double centre-half berth. The final blows to Prague's hopes were hammered home by APIA's forward quartet, McKinnon, Campana, Campbell and Blue. They mounted wave after wave of attacks, and Campana was on the spot to stab for goal with Blanco deflecting the ball in. Mind you, Manuel, Scheinflug and Armytage rattled in some good shots. Prague might even have drawn level on goals, but for tactics and aggressiveness it was APIA all the way.

Crowd: 5,650.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Match rating: * * * *

Not all 0-0 draws need be drab, mediocre affairs. In fact the two leaders put on an entertaining, all-action display. Though Loukanidis missed a penalty, Pan Hellenic were lucky to get away with a draw. Hakoah had the upper hand almost throughout. They played the more methodical, thoughtful football, but failed to press home their advantage through poor finishing. Superbly marshalled by a Watkiss in imperial form, Hakoah's defence was seldom in trouble. Pan Hellenic, on the other hand, were pressed on the defensive for long periods.

Crowd: 14,521.

Referee: H. Parsons.

— LOU GAUTIER

Match rating: * *

An awkward cross-wind made good football impossible. As a result the small crowd was treated to sub-standard football, dozens of passes going astray and the wind playing havoc with the high balls. Canterbury, however, played with greater determination from the start and adapted themselves better to the conditions. Manly made a game of it until the 20th minute when Canterbury's three-goal burst clinched the match. Manly's play deteriorated progressively from then on, and they never even displayed their usual fighting spirit. To cap off a mediocre match, Brooks and Hillhouse received their marching orders after an incident which could have been avoided with firmer control.

Crowd: 1,250.

Referee: K. Lockrey.

— DON TICE

Joe Horinek: "A shocking match which neither team deserved to win. Under these circumstances I'm quite satisfied to salvage a point, especially since we badly missed Kulak in attack. Our lack of a striker, however, is fast becoming alarming."

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Gyula Polgar: "A terrible match, best forgotten in a hurry. St. George, however, should have won easily. We were the better team. I thought our young players performed more than creditably."

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Joe Vlasits: "We still lack the shooting accuracy in the forwards, but we were the better side. We could have wrapped it up in the first half had our forwards brought their shooting boots to the ground."

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Jim Kelly: "I think we were the better side as we got the ball through the Melita defence many times. Melita were only on top of us in the last 15 minutes."

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Bill Vrolyks: "I was far from happy in the first half but later the team improved steadily and towards the end played well. I think we still have a chance for the semis."

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Ferdo Dunaj: "Croatia played better. After Lang's injury we had to reshuffle the team and all of a sudden fluidity vanished."

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Joe Venglos: "Congratulations to APIA, as they fully earned their win on the day. The better team won a tough, hard-fought match."

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Adauto Iglesias: "It was an extremely hard match. There are very few injuries amongst our players now, so I think we can put on a good showing each week."

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Walter Tamandl: "Those missed penalties could prove costly! That's three points we've already lost because of them."

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Doug Holden: "The boys showed a welcome return to form. With more accuracy in front of goal, we would have notched the victory we deserved. Hakoah, I thought, were easily the better team."

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Denes Adrigan: "If we play in Second Division this way, we'll even drop out from that Division! This is the worst we played this year."

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Herbert Ninaus: "Canterbury were vastly superior. We were definitely a three-goal better team on the day. Manly, with few exceptions, were not up to First Division standard."

WILL WOONONA BE HELLENIC'S NEW WATERLOO?

— By LOU GAUTIER —

This could be the week when Pan Hellenic slip up on the rough road to the championship.

This could also be the week when the much-vaunted Prague are squeezed out of the top four.

And yet — this could be the week when we are all hopelessly wrong and everything goes against predictions.

So far only one issue has been resolved with a high degree of certainty: Manly are ready for the last rites.

But the championship and semifinal races are both as alive as ever and are likely to remain so for at least another fortnight or so.

Our prognosis for the weekend:

APIA v. Melita Eagles

Slowly, but surely, APIA are making their berth in the play-offs quite secure.

Though they can still perform much better, their opponents are finding out the hard way that APIA still remain a very tough nut to crack.

Melita should discover this first-hand at Lambert Park.

Though the small pitch will favor the visitors, Melita Eagles face an uphill battle to even come away with a point.

Their youthful side will find the going tough against the powerful APIA machine.

Despite their talent and promise, Melita's youngsters still lack that vital commodity — experience — of which APIA have tons of.

There shouldn't be too many goals scored, but APIA should keep their noses out in front throughout, and also keep a clean slate in the bargain as we can't see Melita Eagles' goal-shy forwards causing the rugged Van Blerk and Co. much heartburn.

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Canterbury v. Polonia

The way Polonia played last weekend, it may be hard to tell on Saturday which of the two teams is the semifinal aspirant.

Canterbury, riding high on the crest of a wave, can optimistically feel confident about the outcome of this match.

Always at ease at Arlington Oval, they should prove too mobile for the stolid Polonia who only have a dour defence to recommend them.

Their forwards, on current form, will be hard pressed to make any sort of impression on the versatile Canterbury defence.

Canterbury's forward-line should prove the winning factor.

The best Polonia may hope for is for another scoreless draw, but we doubt whether their defence can hold out again.

Hakoah v. Manly

Manly reached rock-bottom last weekend while Hakoah showed they were out of their slump and headed for better days.

With the incentive of regaining the lead, should Pan Hellenic falter at Woonona, dangling before them, Hakoah will make no mistake here.

Since Manly must be realistic and play a defence-

oriented game, it will be plainly up to the Hakoah attack to deliver the goods.

Perhaps a Walsh-Watkins switch would do the trick. Against Manly, Hakoah could easily sacrifice Watkins' midfield mastery for greater punch up front.

Irrespective of coach Holden's tactics, however, Hakoah's vastly superior all-round skill and experience should see them through for a comfortable victory.

Prague v. Croatia

The most important match of the round with extremely high stakes.

Prague, without really playing badly, just can't score.

Their football is still just about the most delightful to watch, but they've now reached crisis point because they lack someone to press home the territorial advantage they invariably enjoy week after week.

Croatia have been playing well enough recently to suggest they are fast approaching peak form and it will take the best of Prague to dispose of a very dangerous opponent.

It's hard to see the smooth-running Prague lose

three matches in a row.

We expect them to pull their socks up on Sunday.

If their defence holds and if their forwards snap out of their lethargy, the wide open spaces of Marks Field, which won't be to Croatia's advantage, should enable them to gain a decisive break.

If Prague could only score once, it might be enough, but Croatia are anything but also-rans and could easily reverse the prognosis without raising an eyebrow.

St. George v. Yugal

The match has only academic interest — Yugal's loss to Croatia last week saw to that.

With all worry and tension removed, St. George and Yugal have a great opportunity to redeem themselves and make amends for their mediocre recent form.

Sunday's match should give us an indication of what to expect from this twosome in coming weeks.

Despite both teams' irritating impotency, we wouldn't be surprised if this developed into a "high-scoring" match — high-scoring for our current Sydney standards, this is, with Saints running out the winners.

South Coast v. Pan Hellenic

Pan Hellenic's long trek south could almost fill provincial Woonona Oval to the rafters.

South Coast returned to a semblance of form at their last outing at home when they accounted for Prague.

Pan Hellenic will have to play a tight, defensive game and show much more imagination in attack if they want to avoid the same fate.

Their forward-line has been badly off-target ever since trouncing Yugal. The defence has acquitted itself well, but matches aren't won — as they've found out in the last two weeks — by defence alone.

This should be a bruising, no beg-pardons tussle, with no quarter asked or given.

The match might not produce soccer of a brand to delight the connoisseur, but the patrons should get their money's worth from what promises to be an all-action clash with the emphasis on hard tackling and body contact.

It will be tough, but Pan Hellenic should scrape home by the odd goal and stay on top of the ladder for another week.

ROUND 20

APIA

TAYLOR
VAN BLERK
ACKERLEY
HUGHES
SAMBROOK
BOTTAICO
MCKINNON
CAMPANA
DI LONARDO
CAMPBELL
BLUE

MELITA EAGLES

EATON
HUNTER
DE BRUIJN
EDWARDS
WOODS
DUFFY
QUESTED
SMITH
THORNE
HEWLETT
GOLDIE

HAKOAH

FUZES
FEKETE
HILLSDON
WALSH
MARNOCCH
D. YAAGER
EDMONDS
WATKISS
BARNETT
BAARTZ
JONES

MANLY

TUINMAN
McGRATH
BROOKS
JONES
CAMPBELL
JAGGER
HUGHES
MALONEY
NUTT
HENDRY
WALLER

CANTERBURY

DEMOPOULOS
HARDY
AKERS
GALBRAITH
WHITEHEAD
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KAUZ
PAXINOS

POLONIA

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RAMAGE
BARNES
CUTHBERT
KELLY
CARR
DAVIES
BEATTIE
ANDERSON
TOLSON
McGARRY
ALSTON

PAN HELLENIC

CLARKE
JOHNSTON
HIGNETT
McCULLOCH
COLE
LOUKANIDIS
KARYANNIS
BLITZ
SMITH
WESTWATER
PATRINOS

ST. GEORGE

HAFFEY
NUTTALL
HILLARY
SCHAEFER
COX
BIRD
HARRIS
WARREN
CLISS
FERNANDEZ
McCUE

YUGAL

LIJUC
PACANIN
CRNICH
LANG
BANICEVIC
RAFANELI
J. ALAGICH
M. ALAGICH
HALPIN
EDWARDS
VOLAR

PRAGUE

KING
HARCOMBE
TRACEY
BLACKER
ZEMAN
BLANCO
MOULSON
G. MANUEL
SCHEINFLUG
HOGGART
ARMYTAGE

CROATIA

CORRY
LINCOLN
SLOAN
CURRY
SHEPHERD
PAGE
REYNOLDS
WRIGHT
WOODS
R. CUSH
GILES

TEAM OF THE WEEK

FRASER
(Polonia)

JOHNSTON
(Pan Hellenic)

SHEPHERD
(Croatia)

WATKISS
(Hakoah)

ANDERSON
(SCU)

MCKINNON
(APIA)

HILLSDON
(Hakoah)

BLANCO
(Prague)

REYNOLDS
(Croatia)

PAXINOS
(Canterbury)

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LEADING SCORERS

Baartz (Hakoah) 11
Alston (SCU) 10
B. Smith (Pan Hellenic) 10
Cliss (St. George) 9
R. Cush (Croatia) 9
Edwards (Yugal) 9
Karyannis (Pan Hellenic) 9
McGarry (SCU) 8
G. Manuel (Prague) 8

RESULT SCOREBOARD

FIRST DIVISION	APIA	St. George	Croatia	P. Hellenic	Hakoah	Canterbury	Prague	Polonia	Yugal	Melita Eagles	S. Coast Utd.	Manly
APIA	●	1-0	1-1	1-0	2-2	1-1	5-1		1-3		1-0	
St. George	1-1	●	1-4	1-1	0-2	1-0	1-3	1-2		1-1	1-0	1-1
Croatia	1-1		●	0-3	0-2	2-2	3-1	1-2	3-1		1-0	2-0
Pan Hellenic		1-0	2-1	●	0-0	3-0	1-4	1-0	4-1	2-0	2-0	3-1
Hakoah	1-2		3-0	2-0	●	3-1	4-3	0-0		2-0	3-1	
Canterbury	1-4			1-1	1-2	●	1-1		0-3	2-1	1-1	3-1
Prague	0-1	1-0			1-0	6-0	●	1-0	3-0	1-0	1-1	
Polonia	1-3	0-0	1-0	1-3		2-1	2-2	●	3-1	1-2	1-1	2-0
Yugal	3-0	1-0	0-3	0-4	1-1		1-0	1-1	●	0-1	1-1	3-3
Melita Eagles	0-0	2-2	1-2		0-0	4-5		1-3	0-2	●	0-0	3-3
South Coast	3-1	0-1	7-1		3-5	7-2	1-0			2-0	●	1-2
Manly	3-3	0-3	0-2	0-1	0-3	1-4	1-2	1-2	1-2	0-1		●

Canterbury v. Polonia 3-2-2

Few will realise that Canterbury have remained unbeaten in their last six games during which they collected more points than any other team except APIA and Pan Hellenic.

Polonia have also escaped defeat in their last four games — how they did it is another story.

Canterbury have scored 99 wins and 498 goals so far in First Division, so they have two splendid landmarks to reach.

In the first round 2-1 for Polonia.

South Coast v. Pan Hellenic 6-1-8

Pan Hellenic have now stretched their unbeaten record to eight games — probably the longest in their First Division history.

However, their away performances are often shaky — and at Woonona anything can happen.

South Coast have won five of their eight home games so far — but have yet to draw there.

In the first round 2-0 for Pan Hellenic.

APIA v. Melita Eagles 2-1-0

Gradually APIA are muscling in on the championship race and another win here would sweep them

firmly towards the semi-finals.

Melita play better when away from home and the small Lambert Park dust-bowl may suit their tight defensive stance.

First round result 0-0.

Hakoah v. Manly 1-0-0

Hakoah's last three games netted only three points — the same as Manly's last nine matches; therein lies the moral of the story.

All the statistics in the world point towards a Hakoah win; anything else would be a sensation.

In the first round 3-0 for Hakoah.

St. George v. Yugal 9-1-3

Until their first round defeat this year, the Saints held a clear upper hand in these encounters.

Now still struggling in a slump, they have not won for six weeks.

In the first round 1-0 for Yugal.

Prague v. Croatia 5-2-4

Two successive 1-0 defeats by Prague at such a crucial stage of the championship would be enough to depress the boldest Dubcek.

In fact, last week they lost their aura of invincibility at home — and could well continue in the same vein again.

In the first round 3-1 for Croatia.



ROUND THE WORLD

Soccer boom — ah so...

Soccer's boom in Japan continues. When Arsenal recently beat Japan 4-0, 70,000 turned up — more than at six baseball games held the same night. For the new season Japanese TV has earmarked a 25-live match coverage, three years ago they telecast only three in one season.

France has 600,000 players

The French Federation had 602,099 registered players in 1967-68 as against 557,863 the previous season. France comes behind the USSR and West Germany in registered European soccer-playing strength. The French figures include overseas territories, such as New Caledonia (2,819 players), the French West Indies (6,000), Tahiti (2,494), Guyana and Indian Ocean islands, which total 15,989 soccer players.

America's World Cup squad

The following 30 players have been selected in the USA's preliminary World Cup squad, now undergoing a six-week "camp" before meeting Canada and Bermuda in elimination matches: Delong, Fehér, Gerley, Bachmeier, Gansler, Cecic, Ceresia, Cleary, Krat, Czapó, Jani, Specá, Tober, Meehl, Roth, Kofler, Abunza, Ingold, Albrecht, Benedek, Kindrawit, Maliszewski, Gentile, McBridge, Hausmann, Murphy, Roy, Sideropoulos, Millar, Stiritz. With the exception of six naturalized players, the others are all American-born.

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Juventus of Turin, obviously backed by some magnates from the FIAT works, continue to play havoc with the Italian transfer market. They have just made an absolutely incredible \$840,000 bid for Luigi Riva, the Cagliari winger.

Dib Busby learn something?

Matt Busby admits he didn't learn much from his recent, brief visit to Buenos Aires to "spy" on Estudiantes de La Plata, Manchester United's opponents in next month's Intercontinental Cup final. Said Sir Matt after the Estudiantes v. Racing Buenos Aires match he attended: "I'm sure Estudiantes can play much better. I didn't learn much today because they played poorly. I'm sure they must have played much better to win the South American Champions' Cup. The match I've just seen was unworthy of two of South America's leading teams, but the tense, explosive atmosphere may have upset both teams".

Rule cleared up

The International Board — the law-making arm of FIFA — recently decided to clarify the controversial rule concerning carrying of the ball by goalkeepers. The new and now official interpretation of the rule says: "... dribbling the ball by goalkeepers" doesn't mean the same as "holding the ball" and a goalkeeper can dribble the ball before, during or after taking the four steps. After having taken the four steps he is therefore allowed to dribble the ball but he cannot take it into his hands again before another player has played it." The Board has also widened the interpretation of "violent conduct" for which a player can be sent off. "The offence of spitting at opponents, officials or other persons or similar unseemly behaviour shall be considered as violent conduct in the meaning of section (n) of Law XII."

● Celtic Glasgow's brilliant little winger Jimmy Johnstone has signed on for a further five years with another five years' option — probably a world record.

● Sunderland have sold \$155,000 worth of season tickets — before the League campaign has even started. Manchester City's take has been \$110,000 from advance sales.

● The big clean-out at Inter Milan has resulted in the transfer of 17 players. Out went goalie Sarti, the Danish Nielsen, the Peruvian Benitez (ex-Roma) and the young Cappellini, Herrera's great "discovery."

● Manchester City's pre-season training involved two sessions a day — seven times a week!

● East Germany's player of the year for 1967-68 is 24-year-old Bernd Bransch from Chemie Halle, a left-half and eight-time international.

● The 1967-68 French First Division championship was watched by 2,969,185 spectators. The average per match was only 7,833 spectators — one of the lowest in Europe. Champions, St. Etienne, attracted the biggest crowds. Their average home crowd was 14,100 spectators. Monaco, with only 3,889 per match, drew the smallest crowds.

● Women's soccer continues to gain ground in Sweden. Recently a tourney was held at Goteborg University with the participation of 10 teams.

● Helmut Schoen, the West German manager wants his two expatriate stars, Schnellinger and Haller to return from Italy for Germany's World Cup elimination matches.

● Frank McIntock and John Samuels are likely to leave Arsenal soon.

● Showing their traditional disinterest in the Hungarian Cup, the crack Budapest teams have now all been eliminated, the last to go being Vasas, knocked out by a Third Division side from Szeged.

Czechs in demand

Anton Malatinsky, who just changed over from the Czech Spartak Trnava to the Viennese Admira as coach, said last week: "Austrian soccer is still pretty and can be spectacular — but totally ineffective." Czechs are in great demand in the Austrian capital: Rapid have won two successive titles under Vytlačil and even the national side's coach is a Czech, Stastny.

Unreservedly

More and more English league clubs are dispensing with their reserve teams. The latest one is Halifax Town which has trimmed its staff to 15 professionals, supplemented by part-timers and amateurs.

Swede on ice

Swedish winger Magnusson has signed yet another two-year contract with Juventus of Turin. The amazing thing is that Magnusson has not played once in Juventus in the last two years — and is unlikely to do so again — because of the ban on foreign imports. So Juventus will again loan him out to a German or Belgian club.

West Australia's tough draw in Merdeka Cup

— From ALAN NEWMAN in Perth —

Western Australia have no fears about having to play the three toughest teams in their group in five days in this year's Merdeka Cup tournament, starting in Kuala Lumpur on Friday.

WA have to tackle last year's joint champions South Korea in their opening game on Saturday, Indonesia next Monday and the highly-fancied Japanese on August 14.

They will wind up the qualifying fixtures with matches against Nationalist China on August 15 and Singapore on August 18.

"This suits us down to the ground," WA Federation president Julius Re said when told of the draw.

"Last year we had to play our hardest games towards the end of the round-robin qualifying fixtures and by that time we were feeling the strain of constant match-play and several of the players were carrying injuries.

"This year's team is a lot fitter — they've been training as a squad twice a week in addition to normal club training since April — and looks stronger than the one we sent in our first Merdeka venture last year.

"If we can pick up three points from our first three games our chances of playing in the semifinals will be pretty good because China and Singapore, the teams we play last, are among the weakest in the group."

Western Australia will play in "A" group. Hong Kong, India, Thailand, South Vietnam and Burma, who shared the title with South Korea last year, are in group "B".

WA's squad of 17 players, non-playing coach Ziggy Piedad, team-manager Arthur Paganin, chairman of selectors Dave Indemaur and trainer Tony Adams left for Kuala Lumpur on Tuesday and had four days to adjust to Malaysian food and conditions before tackling the formidable South Koreans.

A cheer squad of 11 local fans are travelling with the team at their own expense.

Only five of the players who represented WA in last year's Merdeka tourney are in the team for the 11th of the series — Asia's "Little World Cup".

The squad: Goalkeepers: Chris Wis-sink (Swan Athletic), Pipó Crifo (Tricolore).

Defenders: Vlada Kneze-vich (Azzurri), Richard Ku-

zinski (Cracovia), Alan Lind (Azzurri), John O'Connell (Swan Valley), Henry Luko-szek (Cracovia).

Linkmen: Gerry Pettit (Cracovia), Jim McIntosh (Azzurri), Tony Lawlor (Cracovia), Paul Sobek (Cracovia).

Forwards: Nino Segon (Azzurri), Mike Ireson (Tricolore), Johnny Van Oosten (Azzurri), Lou Andrioff (Olympic), Peter Holt (Azzurri), Johnny Kosmonopoulos (Athena).

The five retained from last year's Merdeka squad are Wissink, Australian under-23 international Lind, McIntosh, Lawlor and Sobek, who shared top spot in the scoring list for all teams in the 1967 tournament.

Fullback Christian Ducasse, who was in the team last year, was chosen again but had to withdraw two weeks before the trip because of a broken kneecap.

Ducasse was one of the few WA players to show any sort of form in the disappointing display against Cardiff City on July 7 when the Bluebirds coasted to a 6-1 win. His injury came as a bitter blow.

Nevertheless, I expect WA to improve on last year's Merdeka showing when they finished ninth in an 11-team competition.

I am disregarding the form against Cardiff City. It was just too bad to be true and it is a great pity that WA didn't have another opportunity to show their worth in front of national coach Joe Vlasits.

There are a couple of weak links. Kuzinski and Kosmonopoulos are lucky to get the trip. There are plenty of other players with better claims. But the other 15 players are worthy representatives.

Probably WA's biggest sting will come on the right flank where the Azzurri triangle of McIntosh, Holt and Segon will play in the normal club positions.

Van Oosten, another Azzurri member of the team, heads the State League scoring list with 28 goals and his height should be a distinct asset against some of the pint-sized Orientals.

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ANTI-PROMOTION MOVE TO PEG BACK EXPENSES

— From BOB LOW in Melbourne —

The Board of Management of the Victorian Federation will very shortly make two decisions which could have a far reaching effect on soccer in this State.

The first is a motion by Hakoah that promotion and relegation be stopped and may even be decided by the time this goes into print while the other issue follows recent moves to present live telecasts of Sunday matches.

The Hakoah motion, the brain-child of their president George Weinberg who recently announced they were broke and in the "red" to the extent of \$12,000 is a move which is hard to understand and particularly in view of Mr. Weinberg's remarks in which he said "soccer will never advance as long as we have promotion and relegation."

"Clubs are forced to bring top professionals from overseas (obviously referring to Alexander and

Footscray JUST) to save themselves from relegation. "This means the clubs cannot afford to give youngsters a chance in the first team."

Brave words indeed and true in regard to clubs bringing top professionals from overseas to save themselves from relegation — a situation which has been condoned now for several years by the clubs themselves who, in fact, wholly run the game in Victoria.

One wonders though, what would have happened quite recently and just before the local transfer deadline when Hakoah themselves tried hard to sell goalkeeper Mike O'Hara if they had received the considerable offer they were looking for from JUST or

any other club who are in the throes of relegation?

Would Hakoah have refused to sell O'Hara?

If not, such a transfer would have been exactly on a par with clubs bringing last minute players from overseas.

I don't doubt the sincerity of the move by George Weinberg and the motion by his club.

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However, I feel it is totally incompatible with the furtherance and progress of the code in Victoria that the Board of Management should hope to retain the confidence of all who support the game.

The age-old controversy over bringing players from Europe by some clubs at the last minute to save their State League status is another matter altogether.

But it has been stalled and hedged for all-too-long and I would completely support any real move made by Weinberg or Hakoah to wipe this stigma from our game for once and for all.

Behind-the-scene discussions and moves are afoot

to present live soccer telecasts on Sunday afternoons.

With a noticeable decline in attendances at State League games this season, this move if it comes off, could be a shot-in-the-arm towards publicising the code at top level.

In 12 years of television in Victoria, the networks have meted out only minute doses of soccer on the screens and they have stood accused all this time of not giving soccer a fair go.

That is one side of the story. On the other hand, few outside the VSF know if those who govern the game have until now been really prepared to parley with the TV bosses and reach a real agreement which would be beneficial to both parties.

It is common knowledge that more than a few of the leading soccer officials have been bitterly opposed in the past to the screening live of State League games.

Naturally, soccer is entitled to ask and receive certain assurances in the screening of such matches.

Most important is that no game due to be screened will be advertised before the actual kick-off.

WITH THE AMATEURS

MIGHTY TEN-GOAL WIN PUTS ARTARMON ON TOP

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Artarmon forced their way back to the head of the First Division table with a 10-goal win over Blacktown at Artarmon Park.

This Saturday sees Artarmon at home against South Sydney, and not even the keenest Artarmon supporter would hazard a guess at the outcome of this one.

Artarmon is also progressing in the State Amateur Cup.

After a win against the Armenian team, Homen Emen, leader in the combined Norths-West "A" grade competition, Artarmon will go to Cowra for their next match, on August 18.

Marrickville made up for their goal drought with a vengeance, scoring six against Wentworthville.

John Brettle scored three, one being direct from the corner.

Jeff Kelly had a good game and also scored while Peter Wax was a source of annoyance to Wentworthville, and often ran his team-mates into good positions.

With Dennis Duncan continually dominating the mid-field, this was Marrickville's day of days.

No change took place at the top of the Second Division table.

Second-placed Riverside downed Penrith 6-1 at Mahoney Park, Marrickville. Penrith served up some nice football, but for goals it was Rapid all the way.

Doller got the hat-trick with goals in the 20th, 28th and 43rd minutes.

Their other scorers were Wesley (2) and Willis, and Penrith's goal was scored by Schaefer.

Sydney Juniors

Under-8 Div.: Sutherland 1 v. Bankstown 0, Canterbury 2 v. Granville 2. **Champion:** Sutherland.

Under-9: Bankstown 1 v. Canterbury 1, Sutherland 4 v. St. George 0. **Champion:** Sutherland.

Under-10: Sutherland 3 v. Bankstown 0, Gladesville 1 v. Kur-ring-gai 1. **Champion:** Sutherland.

Under-11: Bankstown 1 v. Canterbury 0, Sutherland 5 v. St. George 1. **Champion:** Sutherland.

Under-12: Southern Districts 3 v. Granville 0, Sutherland 1 v. Bankstown 1. **Champion:** Sth. Districts.

Under-13: Granville 1 v. Gladesville 0, Sutherland 3 v. Bankstown 0. **Champion:** Granville.

Under-14: Bankstown 6 v. Nepean 0, Granville 2 v. Wests 0, Manly 3 v. St. George 1, Sutherland 5 v. Kur-ring-gai 0, Gladesville 3 v. Canterbury 2.

Under-15: Bankstown 2 v. Nepean 0, Gladesville 0 v. Easts 0, Granville 2 v. Wests 1, Manly 3 v. St. George 1, Sutherland 2 v. Kur-ring-gai 1.

Under-16: Southern Districts 0 v. Bankstown 0, Gladesville 3 v. Canterbury 2, Wests 2 v. Norths 0, St. George 2 v. Manly 1, Sutherland 2 v. Kur-ring-gai 2.

Under-18: Manly 6 v. St. George 3. **Champion:** Manly.

Under-21. **Champion:** Granville. **All-Age Champion:** Western Suburbs.

UNDER-14 DIVISION				
Bankstown	15	1	2	108 14 31
Sutherland	14	2	2	63 15 30
Gladesville	14	—	4	62 19 28
Manly	12	1	4	50 20 25
Canterbury	6	4	7	21 46 16
Granville	5	3	9	26 46 13
Wests	4	3	9	14 38 11
St. George	2	5	11	25 58 9
Nepean	3	3	12	31 69 9
Kur-ring-gai	—	2	15	7 79 2

UNDER-15 DIVISION				
Bankstown	16	1	1	56 14 33
Gladesville	14	2	2	60 19 30
Easts	10	6	2	34 19 26
Wests	8	2	7	29 23 18
Granville	6	4	8	29 37 16
Sutherland	7	2	9	22 37 16
Manly	4	4	10	18 34 12
St. George	5	2	11	31 55 12
Nepean	3	3	12	17 36 9
Kur-ring-gai	2	2	13	14 38 6

UNDER-16 DIVISION				
Sth. Districts	12	4	2	45 9 28
Bankstown	12	3	3	55 20 27
St. George	11	3	4	48 24 25
Canterbury	11	1	5	50 26 23
Sutherland	9	2	7	36 35 20
Wests	6	1	9	22 27 13
Gladesville	6	1	11	37 53 13
Norths	5	3	10	19 38 13
Kur-ring-gai	2	4	11	17 47 8
Manly	2	2	14	18 69 6

Finalists: Southern Districts for Metropolitan Championship, Sth. Districts, Bankstown, St. George and Canterbury will play in the semifinals and finals for Inter-District Championships.

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FUN & GAMES IN ADELAIDE

A player was banned for life and another ousted for over 12 months, two star "imports" were suspended by Juventus and SA captain, Nilo Rusalen, was dropped from his club team, to cap a week of Adelaide soccer sensations.

Port Pirie Hellas half-back, Adam Kanaris was suspended for life by the Mid-North Association disciplinary committee on a charge of butting an opponent and knocking him to the ground during a Hellas-Wanderers match.

Kanaris had previously been suspended for two years for striking a referee. Another Port Pirie Hellas player, Andrew Terzopoulos, was suspended until the end of the 1969 season for kicking an opponent during the Federation Cup game against USC Lion at Hindmarsh on July 20.

He was also charged with spitting at referee Harry Beavers and refusing to

leave the field when ordered off.

Portuguese forward, Manuel Cruz and Argentinian striker, Diego Sacco, were both suspended by Juventus, "because of their poor form and their conduct."

SA captain, Nilo Rusalen, was a shock omission from the Juventus side which played Beograd at Kensington last Saturday.

In a bold move, coach, Mario Corti, also sidelined former AC Milan junior Giovanni Meneghetti, leaving Juventus without four of their regulars.

According to a club spokesman, the pair were dropped because of their indifferent form, but reliable sources claimed that Corti and Rusalen were at loggerheads.

— Allan Crisp

S.A. TEAM FOR TOUR?

South Australia's success in receiving favorable answers to invitations to play interstate games may encourage the local Federation to send its young State team on an overseas tour at the end of the current season or the beginning of next year.

It could probably be confined to the Pacific and take in New Zealand, Fiji and New Caledonia.

As reported in "Soccer World" last week, SA could play WA and Queensland at the end of the current season.

And SA secretary, Len Willmer, has since received a reply from NSW stating that they would agree to play home and away games in 1969.

The increased interstate program will mean that the SA squad will be in training for almost 10 months of the year.

Squad members will be paid expenses for training sessions in addition to State match fees.

— Allan Crisp

VSF Dance

The Victorian Soccer Federation have contemplated having an annual ball for several years. Until this year it never got off the drawing board stage.

Last Saturday the idea became a reality when a big crowd of officials, players, referees, fans and members of the Press crowded the San Remo Ballroom and had a gay night.

Miss "Victorian Soccer" was chosen from many entrants and received a free trip to Fiji for two through the courtesy of Air India.

The first prize for the table decorations went to the referees who had a huge cake in the form of a soccer field.

Much of the success of the night which is now bound to become an annual affair lay in the capable organising of John Castellini, Enver Begovic and Larry Harris, all members of the VSF Board of Management.

— Bob Low

AUST. RESULTS, TABLES

VICTORIAN RESULTS

Slavia 6 (Gildea 2, Butler 2, Kraus, Reid) v. Alexander 2 (Brown, own goal); Juventus 1 (Di Marchi) v. Lions 1 (Walker); JUST 3 (Buljevic, Kazi, Mihalovic) v. SM-Hellas 1 (Ackerley); Croatia 3 (McMeechan, J. Mackay, McIntyre) v. Polonia 0; Wilhelmina 1 (Atkins) v. Melbourne-HSC 0; Hakoah 2 (Murney, Anderson) v. George Cross 1 (Gardiner).

VICTORIAN TABLE

Croatia	11	2	4	30	13	24
Hakoah	9	4	4	28	17	22
Polonia	8	6	3	23	16	22
Hellas	8	6	3	30	21	22
George Cross	6	5	6	29	23	17
Wilhelmina	6	5	6	22	20	17
Lions	5	6	6	15	20	16
Slavia	5	5	7	24	22	15
Alexander	5	4	8	26	38	14
Juventus	4	6	7	20	33	14
Melbourne	3	5	9	17	29	11
JUST	4	2	11	21	33	10

MELBOURNE PROGRAM

Saturday: Hakoah v. Wilhelmina at Middle Park, JUST v. Slavia at Footscray, Alexander v. Polonia at Olympic Park.

Sunday: Croatia v. George Cross at Olympic Park, Melbourne v. Juventus at St. Kilda, Lions v. SM Hellas at Maribynong.

ADELAIDE RESULTS

Victoria 1 (Whincup) v. Polonia 2 (H. Kolecki, Marciniak), Croatia 1 (J. Slager) v. WA Hellas 3 (Zervas 2, Batchelor), Juventus 5 (Serafini 3, Lavelle, Frattini) v. Beograd 1 (Temelkowski), Austria 2 (Beattie, Peterson) v. Cumberland 0, USC Lion 3 (Monan 2, Nechvoglod) Elizabeth 0.

S A TABLE

Hellas	11	1	2	44	15	23
Lions	9	3	2	27	9	21
Polonia	8	3	3	25	16	19
Juventus	7	3	4	23	11	17
Beograd	7	3	4	26	20	17
Croatia	6	3	5	17	15	15
Victoria	5	4	5	19	17	14
Austria	2	3	9	13	29	7
Elizabeth	2	1	11	9	34	5
Cumberland	—	2	12	10	48	2

S.A. PROGRAM

Cumberland v. Juventus — Bailey Reserve, Beograd v. Croatia — Woodville West, WA Hellas v. Victoria — Hindmarsh Stadium, Elizabeth City v. Austria — Ramsay Park, Polonia v. USC Lion — Croydon Park.

QUEENSLAND TABLE

Hollandia	9	3	2	45	20	21
Merton	8	2	4	45	25	18
Azzurri	7	4	3	20	11	18
Grange Thistle	7	2	5	38	27	16
St. Helens	6	3	5	28	25	13
Hellenic	4	5	5	24	27	13
Coalstars	4	3	7	18	26	11
Oxley	3	4	7	25	50	10
Polonia	4	1	9	16	33	9
Latrobe	3	3	8	15	35	9

INTERSTATE SCORES

NEWCASTLE
Adamstown v. Azzurri — Hamilton 1-0, Toronto v. West Wallsend 4-2, Wallsend v. Belmont-Swansea 3-0, Newcastle Austral v. Weston 4-0, Lake Macquarie v. New Lambton 9-2.

QUEENSLAND
St. Helens v. Merton 2-3, Latrobe v. Oxley 3-0, Azzurri v. Coalstars 2-0, Hollandia v. Hellenic 3-1, Grange-Thistle v. Polonia 3-0.

S.A.
Second Division: Para Hills v. Sturt 2-1, Campbelltown v. Port Adelaide 4-1, Azzurri v. Budapest 2-0, Birkalla v. Malta 2-2, Windsor v. Don 7-0.

W.A.
Swan Valley v. Kiev 2-3, Tricolore v. Cottesloe 1-5, Windmills v. Swan Athletic 4-0, Athena v. Olympic 3-2.

TASMANIA
South: Juventus v. University 3-2, South Hobart v. Eagles 1-3; Callies v. Rapid 4-4, Croatia v. Olympia 2-1.

A.C.T.
Supplementary competition (first round): Croatia-Deakin v. Burns Austral 2-1, Olympic v. Queanbeyan-Makedonia 3-0, Monaro v. Cooma 6-1, Concordia v. Juventus 2-2. Croatia will meet Olympic in the second 1st grade semifinal on Sunday.

Competition Tables FIRST DIVISION

GRADE II.										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Prague	15	—	3	50	15	30				
SCU	12	1	5	49	22	25				
APIA	11	3	4	43	23	25				
Croatia	10	4	4	34	23	24				
St. George	11	1	6	43	28	23				
Hakoah	10	1	7	32	21	21				
Melita Eagles	9	—	9	42	44	18				
Pan Hellenic	8	—	10	34	33	16				
Polonia	4	4	10	33	49	12				
Canterbury	5	1	12	27	62	11				
Manly	4	1	13	31	47	9				
Yugal	1	—	17	9	60	2				

GRADE III.										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Croatia	12	4	2	44	17	23				
Prague	13	2	3	40	18	28				
St. George	11	4	3	29	20	26				
Pan Hellenic	8	5	5	21	14	21				
SCU	8	4	6	35	22	20				
Yugal	5	8	5	31	29	18				
Hakoah	8	2	8	29	29	18				
Canterbury	7	4	7	25	32	18				
Melita Eagles	6	3	9	33	41	15				
APIA	5	2	11	20	35	12				
Manly	3	3	12	25	40	9				
Polonia	1	1	16	17	54	3				

SECOND DIVISION

GRADE I.										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Bankstown	14	1	3	49	18	29				
Western Subs.	14	1	3	52	24	29				
Auburn	12	4	2	43	17	28				
Sutherland	10	3	5	35	34	23				
Balgownie	8	5	5	32	20	21				
Marconi	8	4	6	32	18	20				
Granville	7	3	8	40	45	17				
NS-Inter	6	4	8	23	42	16				
N. Bankstown	5	2	11	31	48	12				
Corinthians	4	2	16	16	36	10				
Lane Cove	3	—	15	19	50	9				
Hornsby-NE	1	3	14	29	51	5				

GRADE II.										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Western Subs.	15	2	1	57	10	32				
Bankstown	12	3	3	65	22	27				
Balgownie	12	2	4	51	18	26				
Sutherland	12	1	5	46	26	25				
Marconi	9	3	6	32	36	21				
Auburn	7	5	6	37	28	19				
Hornsby-NE	8	1	9	29	37	17				
Granville	7	2	9	44	45	16				
Lane Cove	5	2	11	20	64	12				
N. Bankstown	3	5	10	26	41	11				
Corinthians	2	2	14	16	49	6				
NS-Inter	1	2	15	23	80	4				

GRADE III.										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Bankstown	17	—	1	85	12	34				
Western Subs.	15	2	1	76	15	32				
Sutherland	12	4	2	73	23	28				
Granville	10	4	4	48	34	24				
N. Bankstown	10	2	6	42	26	22				
Balgownie	9	2	7	32	29	20				
Auburn	6	2	10	36	46	14				
Hornsby-NE	6	1	11	28	38	13				
Lane Cove	4	2	12	26	64	10				
Marconi	4	1	13	13	53	9				
Corinthians	2	3	13	18	100	7				
NS-Inter	1	1	16	20	58	3				

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Artarmon	10	8	1	60	20	28				
Wentley	13	1	5	54	25	27				
South Sydney	11	4	4	35	21	26				
Marrickville	9	7	3	48	24	25				
Thistle	11	3	4	47	24	25				
Concordia	9	6	4	47	28	24				
East Side-MTK	10	2	7	55	36	22				
Belmore	4	8	6	31	37	16				
Blacktown	5	1	13	27	71	11				
Lidcombe	4	2	13	22	64	10				
NSW Uni.	3	2	13	20	54	8				
Ryde	1	2	15	14	56	4				

SECOND DIVISION										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Guildford	15	1	3	70	17	31				
Riverside	15	—	4	67	32	30				
Enmore	13	3	3	61	23	29				
Warringah	11	4	4	52	26	26				
Yagoona	9	4	6	37	30	22				
Auburn	10	—	9	39	39	20				
St. Marys	8	1	9	40	51	17				
Arncliffe Scots	6	3	10	26	35	15				
Kewpies	6	2	11	34	37	14				
Sydney Uni.	3	4	12	29	52	10				
Penrith	3	4	12	34	63	10				
Gymea	1	—	17	17	101	2				

THIRD DIVISION										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Rovers	11	1	2	62	16	23				
Condell Park	10	1	3	49	18	21				
All Stars	8	3	3	37	25	19				
G'ville-H'by	6	4	3	30	16	16				
Dee Why	6	3	5	32	28	15				
Revesby	7	—	7	35	36	14				
West Ryde	3	3	8	25	35	9				
F'field-Kiev	1	2	10	19	59	4				
Greenacre	1	1	12	21	77	3				

FOURTH DIVISION										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
C'pbeltown	12	1	2	47	20	25				
Liverpool	11	1	2	42	23	23				
Beverly Hills	7	4	4	38	28	18				
Newtown	8	1	5	31	22	17				
Padstow Park	4	4	6	36	41	12				
Maroubra	5	2	7	33	38	12				
Ku-ring-gai	4	—	10	35	41	8				
Chelsea	2	4	8	22	43	8				
Central Utd.	1	3	10	20	48	5				

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

(First Division)			
Melita v. SCU	0-2	0-1	
Polonia v. St. George	1-4	1-3	
Pan Hellenic v. Hakoah	1-2	0-3	
Manly v. Canterbury	6-1	3-1	
Croatia v. Yugal	3-0	3-3	
Prague v. APIA	3-1	5-0	
(Second Division)			
B'town v. N.B'town	5-1	2-2	4-2
Corinthians v. Marconi	0-2	1-5	0-2
B'gownie v. Auburn	1-1	1-3	5-0
NS-Inter v. Lane Cove	2-1	1-1	1-2
G'ville v. Hornsby	4-3	2-1	3-1
Sutherland v. Wests	2-3	2-1	1-2

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION AUBURN DROP COSTLY POINT AT BALGOWNIE

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Bankstown again regained the lead by convincingly beating North Bankstown 5-1 at Bankstown Oval last Saturday.

Western Suburbs are still in hot pursuit — on equal points — with a victory over Sutherland, their first-ever.

Last week's leader, Auburn, found the going too tough at Balgownie and dropped a most valuable point which could well spell another season in Second Division.

Bankstown v. North Bankstown 5-1

North Bankstown shook their fancied neighbors when they took the lead in the first five minutes, but as it turned out this was the only goal they could score.

Playing fast and entertaining football, Bankstown led 3-1 at the interval and went on to win convincingly.

Bankstown: Friedl; Fitzgerald, Sheldrick; Attwood, Brack, Madden; Tansley (1), White (1), Bamforth (1), J. Jamieson (1), Clarke (1).

Sutherland v.

Western Suburbs 2-3

After a very even first half, Western Suburbs held the edge and deserved to win.

Sutherland, playing two substitute fullbacks, gave a good performance in a game which produced some exciting and entertaining soccer.

All five goals were scored in the second half, four of which could have been prevented by better goal-keeping.

Sutherland: Quinn; P. Gillham, Shuttlewood; Shrubsole, O'Reilly, Corfield; O'Brien, Davidson, Cucitti, Griffiths (2), Roche.

Western Suburbs: Horigan; Bastion, Apostilidis; Holmes, Bijkerk, Di Santi; Cassidy, Harrison (1), Woods (2), Pont, Nutley.

Balgownie v.

Auburn 1-1

About 1,000 people watched an entertaining game.

Auburn could have sewn up the result in the first half when they dominated most of the play.

Balgownie played much better after the interval, but it was Auburn who scored first through a breakaway by Mal O'Neill.

Balgownie equalised from a penalty converted by Hughes.

Auburn: Brommett; Smith, Haggett; Entwistle, Thompson, Keen; Alan, McKnight, Moffatt, Nowacki, O'Neill (1).

Granville v.

Hornsby-NE 4-3

Hornsby-NE were unlucky not to take a point at Macarthur Park.

Hornsby made a determined effort to lead 2-1 at one stage and it was 3-3 at the interval.

A goal by Oberman in the second half sealed the match for Granville.

Granville: Sparkes (Wilberbach); Pendleton, Staunton; Crelly, Lorenzutta, Burtenshaw; Dupont, Tamandl (1), Oberman (1), J. Williams (1), Shepherd (1).

Hornsby-NE: McDonald; Gray (McCutcherson), Hogan; Jones, J. Barber, D. Barber; Suggett, Shields (2), Barman, Dickinson, Vickers (1).

NS-Inter v.

Lane Cove 2-1

A gallant second half stand by Lane Cove nearly paid off against North Sydney-Inter at Cammeray Park.

Playing against a stiff wind, NS-Inter took the lead straight from the kick-off and went further ahead midway through the first-half.

Lane Cove reduced the leeway towards the end.

NS-Inter: Markulin; Monno, Impellizzeri; McKenna, Abbattista, J. Calidadi; Spresian (1), Polletto, Morton (1), Gillespie (Martinez), F. Callidadi.

Lane Cove: Lee; Cooper, Gamble; Aird, Bertinetti, Coutts; Thomas (Foster), Nadj, Thomson (1), Mitchell, Reid.

THIS WEEKEND

Most interest this weekend will focus on the Marconi-Bankstown clash at Marconi Oval, which on form should go to Bankstown after a hard-fought battle.

Joint-leaders Western Suburbs have a comparatively easy match against Corinthians and should win well.

In other matches, Auburn should topple North Sydney-Inter while Sutherland may be too good for Granville.

Another match which will have a great bearing on relegation is the clash between bottom teams Lane Cove and Hornsby-North End.

Hornsby must win this match to survive, but the ground advantage favors Lane Cove.

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